

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN BILL WILSON, on January 12, 2009 at 9:05 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary
Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 126, 1/7/2009; HB 136, 1/7/2009

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:30 **REP. SHANNON AUGARE (D), HD 16**, opened the hearing on **HB 126**, Authorize Dept of Admin to determine workers' comp policy for all state agencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:42 Connie Welsh Administrator, Health Care and Benefits
Division, Department of Administration

00:05:03 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:00 Rep. Reinhart

00:06:24 Ms. Welsh

00:07:03 Rep. Reinhart

00:06:56 Ms. Welsh

00:07:36 Rep. Hunter

00:08:02 Ms. Welsh

00:08:44 Rep. Hunter

00:09:02 Ms. Welsh

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:20 Rep. Augare

HEARING ON HB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:00 **REP. CARLIE BOLAND (D), HD 23**, opened the hearing on **HB 136**, Clarify appointment process for Board of Personnel Appeals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:56 Jerry Keck, Employment Relations Division,
Department of Labor and Industry

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00:20:10 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:54 Rep. Boland

Announcements:

00:23:07 Chairman Wilson

00:23:19 Rep. B. Beck

00:23:51 Rep. P. Beck

00:24:13 Chairman Wilson

00:24:15 Rep. Boland

00:24:38 Rep. Reinhart

00:24:48 Chairman Wilson

00:24:51 Rep. Welborn

00:25:09 Chairman Wilson

ADJOURNMENT

00:25:14 Adjournment: 9:31 A.M.

SANTELLA BAGLIVO, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([buh06aad.pdf](#))